

## BIBLE STUDY on GENESIS (NIV) Part 1 (a)

### GOD CREATES THE WORLD



#### Genesis 1 : 1 - 28, 31

##### *The Beginning*

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. 3 And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good and he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light “day” and the darkness He called “night.” And there was evening and there was morning—the first day.

6 And God said, “Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water.” 7 So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. 8 God called the expanse “sky.” And there was evening and there was morning—the second day. 9 And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. 10 God called the dry ground “land,” and gathered waters

He called “seas”. And God saw that it was good.

11 Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. 12 The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning—the third day.

14 And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years and 15 let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. 16 God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. 17 God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, 18 to govern the day and the night and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning—the fourth day. 20 And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky.” 21 So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the >>

water teems, according to their kinds and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

22 God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas and let the birds increase on the earth.” 23 And there was evening and there was morning—the fifth day. 24 And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground and wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. 25 God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

27 So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

28 God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

31 God saw all that He had made and it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning—the sixth day.

#### Genesis 2 : 1 - 3

1 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. 2 By the seventh day God had finished the work He had been doing; so on the seventh day He rested from all His work. 3 And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy because on it He rested from all the work of creating that He had done.

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### Something to Do

A. Write or print your answer to each question. If you cannot answer the question, read the Bible story again. The number after each question refers to the verse number in the Bible story where the answer is found.

1. On the **first day of creation** the Spirit of God was \_\_\_\_\_ over the face of the waters (1 v 2). God said, “Let there be \_\_\_\_\_” (v 3). He also separated the \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_. (v 4).
2. On the **second day of creation** God made the \_\_\_\_\_ and separated the \_\_\_\_\_ under the expanse from the \_\_\_\_\_ above it. (v 7)
3. On the **third day of creation** God gathered the waters under the sky and let the \_\_\_\_\_ appear. (v 9) He also said, “Let the land produce \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ on land that bear fruit with seed in it (v 11). >>

4. On the **fourth day of creation** God made two great \_\_\_\_\_ - the greater light to govern the \_\_\_\_\_ and the lesser light to govern the \_\_\_\_\_. He also made the \_\_\_\_\_ (v 16). The lights would serve as \_\_\_\_\_ to mark \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (v 14).

5. On the **fifth day of creation** God created the great \_\_\_\_\_ and every \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ thing which the water teems (v 21). He also made \_\_\_\_\_ to fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky (v 20).

6. On the **sixth day of creation** God made the \_\_\_\_\_ according to their kinds, the \_\_\_\_\_ according to their kinds and all the \_\_\_\_\_ that move along the ground according to their kinds (v 25). God also created \_\_\_\_\_ in the image of \_\_\_\_\_ (v 27). God saw all that He had made and it was very good. (v 31)

7. On the **seventh day** God \_\_\_\_\_ the work He had done and \_\_\_\_\_ from all His work. (2 v 2)

**B.** Write out **Genesis 1 v 1** and memorize it. Also memorize what God did on each day of creation.

### Something to Think About

The Bible clearly teaches that there is a God who is vitally involved in the affairs of this world. The miracles of nature around us, seen every day, prove it. **“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.”** (*Psalms 19 v 1*) God’s power and being are clearly seen through creation. It is only when people do not glorify Him as God when they are not thankful to Him, when they do not worship Him but want to continue in their wickedness, that their hearts are darkened and they become foolish (*Romans 1 v 19-25*). **“The fool says in his heart, ‘There is no God’”** (*Psalms 14 v 1a*).

The Bible does not conflict with any true, proven facts about science. Some “scientific” *theories*, such as evolution, conflict with the Bible. God’s Word is truth and all truth will agree with His Word.